

IAN BOWIE - Sydney Division

Ian Bowie has been an invaluable member of the Sydney Engineering Heritage Committee since he joined it in 1980. Soon after joining he became its Secretary, a position he held for 13 years. He was Chairman in 1993 and 1994.

Through his astonishing general knowledge and extraordinary research ability Ian has brought to the Committee a wealth of information on many facets of engineering history and heritage which has been of considerable value in the Committee's deliberations.

His wider engineering service has included membership of the Standards Australia committees for Soil Testing and for Parking. He was also founding honorary secretary of the Sydney Committee of the Australian Geomechanics Society of Engineers Australia (and its predecessor committee) and served on the Institution's Civil Engineering Branch Committee, Transportation Branch Committee and Excellence Awards Committee.

Following his retirement as a lecturer, Ian returned to the University of Sydney as an honorary lecturer in civil engineering.

Ian has a heavy involvement in the Engineering Heritage Committee's development of the Sydney Harbour Bridge website for the NSW Board of Studies, researching much of the technical reference material and working with the Powerhouse Museum and the Electron Microscope Unit of the University of Sydney to produce microstructure photographs of the original steel. He has also provided digitised material for the website, including the J.J.C. Bradfield report on tenders for the Bridge.

Ian represents the Engineering Heritage Committee on the Roads and Traffic Authority's Heritage Committee and since its formation in 2003 has been a member of the Australian Society for the History of Engineering and Technology; he is currently a member of its committee.

Ian has contributed a large amount of text and more than 40 images to the international 'Structurae' structural engineering website, especially relating to Australian heritage items.

He has been a long term member of the NSW National Trust's Industrial Heritage Committee where he has been involved in the development of numerous listing nominations and has made valuable contributions to its deliberations. He is a former chairman of the committee and in 2007 was awarded the Trust's voluntary service medal, primarily in relation to his work with the Industrial Heritage Committee.

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